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No.106293pc.II/PS 4(a)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence.
New Delhi, the 12th
July 1948.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (military) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

PAYMENT OF CONSTANT ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE TO INDIAN MILITARY PENSIONERS.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter No.106293/PS 4(a), dated the 24th June 1948, I am directed to say that the position regarding the various points raised in para 4 of the Collector of Malabar letter No.G4/2553-46 Accts, dated the 15th October 1947, to your address, is as under:-

(1) An Indian military pensioner is not eligible for a constant attendance allowance for so long as he is reemployed, or is under treatment in a Government hospital or institution. A "soldiers home" run under Government auspices, is deemed to be an institution for this purpose, if it provides the soldier with free medical treatment.

(ii) The certificates required in the case of a British pensioner are not applicable in the case of an Indian military pensioner. The only certificate required from the latter is that he has not been kept in any government institution or a hospital during the period for which constant attendance allowance is claimed.

(iii) It is not necessary that an Indian military pensioner should certify that he is actually maintaining an attendant whether paid or unpaid. The allowance is payable where the pension sanctioning authority is satisfied that a pensioner is in need of an attendant.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) K.C. Jain.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Copy of the above forwarded to the Controller of Military Accounts (pension), Allahabad, with reference to his U/O No. G3/25771-E, dated 13th January 1948.

Ministry of Defence (Pensions Branch).

/True Copy/

Public (Military) Department.

Memo. No.3517/48.2 dated/4.8.48.

Military--Disability Pensions--Indian Military Pensioners-Constant Attendance Allowance--Eligibility and certificate Instruction of the Government of India.

Reference: 1. Letter from the Collector of Malabar No.G.4.2553/46 Accts dated 15.10.47.

2. Letter to the Government of India No. 4591/47 Public (Military) Department, dated/ 6.11.47.
3. Letter from the Government of India Ministry of Defence No.106293/PCII PS 4(a), dated/12.7.48.

The instructions of the Government of India contained in their letter cited are communicated to the Collector of Malabar.

The Collector of Malabar (with encls.)
The copy to the Accountant General through Finance.

Ref. G.4. 2553/46 Accounts.

Malabar Collector's Office,
Calicut,
15.10.47.

From

J.C. Griffiths Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of Malabar.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public (Military) Department,
Madras.

Sir,

Pension-- Military--Disability--Constant Attendance Allowance--Non payment.

In some of the pension circulars received in this office, the disability pensioners were also sanctioned a constant attendance allowance in addition to their pension. This is an allowance sanctioned by the Ministry of Pensions, London and it is till now being paid only to British Pensioners. The concession appears to have been now extended to Indian Military Pensioners, also.

As regards British pensioners a certificate that the pensioner has been attended upon by another during the period for which pension is paid has to be produced. The military authorities have not directed that a similar certificate should be obtained from Indian pensioners also. They have instead directed that the Indian pensioner should produce a certificate to the effect that "he was not kept in a Government institution for the period for which the Constant Attendance, was drawn."

The Treasury Deputy Collector thought that this certificates means that the pensioners should not have been re-employed in any capacity during the period and obtained certificates under this impression. Even then as the wordings of the certificate did not warrant this interpretation payments were stopped and the Deputy Controller of Military Accounts and Pensions, Lahore Cantonment was addressed for instructions in the matter as early as on 8.11.46 in this office ref. G.4. 2553/46 accounts.

The points upon which instructions were sought are (1) Whether the words "Government Institutions" are synonymous with "Hospitals" or whether they include such institutions as soldiers houses etc., where military personal are fed and lodged (2) whether all the certificates required in the case of payment of Constant Attendance Allowance to British Pensioners should be insisted on in the case of Indian Military Pensioners also, and (3) if it is held that a Constant Attendance Certificate is necessary, whether the attendant should necessarily be a paid attendant.

No reply has been received yet from the Deputy Controller... of Military Accounts and Pensions, Lahore in spite of many reminders. The Treasury Officer if afraid to pay the allowance on his own responsibility, because a large amount of is involved. In view of the present conditions in the north it seems unlikely that we will get a reply from Lahore for a very long time to come. The pensioners who have been sanctioned this allowance are pressing....

I therefore request that the Government of India may be addressed in the matter for a speedy decision. The pensioners concerned have also approached His Excellency the Governor of Madras regarding this matter.

(Sd.) X X
FOR COLLECTOR.

C.N.V.
28.12.

Letter No.4591/47-2 Public (Military) Department
dated/6.11.47.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Defence,
New Delhi (with encls.)

Sir,

Military--Disability Pensions--British and Indian Pensioners--Constant Attendance Allowance--Payment of.

Ref: From the Collector of Malabar,
Letter No.G.4.2553/46 Accts. dated/15.10.47.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the letter cited and to request that the decision of the Government of India on the points raised in para 4 therein may be communicated to the Government at an early date.

(Sd.) X X
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Note: Please see to letter from the Collector of Malabar with CF. with reference to para 6 of the letter draft above is submitted for approval. Finance may see before issue.

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The draft letter may be perused and the case returned to Public (Military)

Public (Military)

Public (Military) Department.

The draft letter above may now issue.

(Issued as Memo no.3517/48-2 dated/4.8.48)

There is no further action in this file. The papers may be closed in a Ms.G.O. for facility of future reference.

G.O.Ms.No.2061 dated/25.8.48.

Military--Disability--Pensions--Indian Military Pensioners--Constant Attendance Allowance--Eligibility and Certificate--Instructions of the Government of India--Papers--Recorded.

/True Copy/

OFFICE ASSISTANT
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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